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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD OF APPLICATION OF BODY
TASTE ENHANCER COMPRISING LONG-
CHAIN HIGHLY UNSATURATED FATTY
ACID AND/OR ITS ESTER

Examiner: B. Mukhopadhyay

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Appl. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
13/032,619	02/22/2011	1789
13/194,749	07/29/211	1781
13/197,692	08/03/2011	1781

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

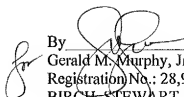
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